

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING
March 16, 2017
Ramada Lansing Hotel and Conference Center
7501 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917

MINUTES

Call to Order: Chairperson, Commissioner Michael Sheehan called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Roll Call: Gloria Lanum called the roll and a quorum was present.

Present: Commissioner Michael Sheehan, Chairperson, Wendy White, Vice-Chairperson, Bozena Bienias, Alan Bond, Dennis Brieske, Charles Corwin, Sara Damiano, Sandra Falk-Michaels, Debra Johnson, Victoria Laupp, Gerald McCole, Nicolette McClure, John Murphy, Roy Pentilla, Angie Perone, Mary Lou Proefrock, Donald Ryan, Gary Scholten, Joseph Sucher, Susan Vick, Julie Wetherby, Lillie Williams, Karen Wintringham and Ex-Officio Members: Mary Engelman, and Robyn Ford

Excused: Nellie Blue, Vicente Castellanos, Dave Caudle, Audra Frye, Thomas Hartwig, Kathleen Johnston-Calati, Mary Jones, Pamela McKenna, Patricia Rencher, Terry Vear, Kathleen Williams-Newell, and John Zimmerman

Resigned: Regina Allen

Guest Commissioner: Joan Illardo

Aging and Adult Services Agency (AASA) Staff present: Richard Kline, Gloria Lanum, Lauren Swanson-Aprill, and Scott Wamsley

Introductions: Chairperson Sheehan introduced new members Sara Damiano, Dennis Brieske, ex-officio member Mary Engelman-Michigan Women's Commission, and Commissioner Illardo.

Agenda: Donald Ryan moved acceptance of the agenda and Mary Lou Proefrock seconded. The SAC unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

Minutes: Gerald McCole moved to accept the October 27, 2016, minutes and Charles Corwin seconded. The SAC unanimously approved the October 27, 2016, minutes.

AASA Senior Deputy Report: Richard Kline reported that:

- He has been with AASA for one year, and during this year AASA changed from being a type 1 agency to a type 2 agency that was rolled into the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Additionally, the Adult Protective Services Policy Division moved into AASA. AASA has been adjusting to this new structure over that past several months, and with our aging network partners, we continue to be experts on older adults.

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- The Governor's proposed FY 2018 budget includes \$11.3 million to improve staffing for adult services to older adults and people with disabilities. A growing senior population has increased caseloads in these programs that promote independent living and ensure seniors are protected from abuse and exploitation. It is anticipated that 100 adult services staff will be hired. Another \$3.6 million aims to reduce current wait lists for home-delivered meals and in-home services. The Governor has also proposed an increase in wages for community mental health direct care workers in FY 2018.
- AASA receives 60 percent of its funding from the federal government and 40 percent from the state. The current year federal continuing resolution ends on April 30, 2017, and then we hope to learn what the rest of FY 2017's federal budget will entail for the aging network.

Old Business:

Commission Report: Commissioner Ilardo reviewed the Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging's (CSA) initiative regarding the newly formed advocacy committee with Commissioner Donna Murray-Brown (Chair) and Commissioners Joan Ilardo, L. Kathleen LaTosch, and Harold Mast. The CSA Advocacy Committee:

- Meets monthly by phone and is charged to provide clarity and structure to the advocacy efforts of the CSA, and to complete due diligence to policy issues impacting older adults in Michigan.
- Supports the CSA, the entire network and AASA staff in their full efforts, and their agenda is centered on their vision, which is to advocate for all of Michigan's older adults.
- Is developing a report regarding how pertinent issues will be considered for recommended action by the CSA, and they will be action oriented and change agents—proactive and reactive based on the advocacy work of the CSA and will look at the broad impact to various geographies with the exception of unique situations like Flint.
- Is currently reviewing pertinent issues and priorities and they would like to gather input on issues that impact broadly in communities like transportation, funding issues, and the payment structure of direct care workers.
- Plans to work with the CSA to acknowledge in writing the Governor and Legislature when they support AASA's efforts.

Direct Care Worker Follow-up: AASA staff, Lauren Swanson-Aprill shared that:

- AASA is working with MSU, Yale and Chris Curtin with Community Services Network to implement the MI Health Endowment Fund Grant received a few months ago, called Integrated Model for Personal Assistant Research and Training (IMPART). The IMPART team is forming an advisory board with personal care aides (PCAs), participants, and providers who will advise IMPART beginning the end of April.

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- The BTBQ curriculum is almost finalized and the interim fidelity plan is being worked on. MSU and Yale will be working on the data system in order to track trainings, trainers and PCAs who complete the training and maintain fidelity.
- The BTBQ train-the-trainer training will be updated later this year and it will be developed into a two-day training based on our past pilot trainings. Web and face book pages are being developed.

New Business:

- **SAC 2017 Membership:** Seven current SAC members' terms are expiring on May 1, 2107. Those interested in reapplying to serve may submit an application by March 31, 2017, for consideration by the CSA in early April. The two members whose terms are expiring October 2017, may submit their applications by August 31, 2017.

SAC Report Outline Review:

Chairperson Sheehan provided guidance to the SAC regarding the next steps in summarizing the research gathered by SAC members to date for the Creative Aging report. It will be important to synthesize what the SAC has learned this past year and write the report in our own words using quotes to support our findings.

Vice Chairperson Wendy White also provided comments about the SAC's work on the report and guidance in thinking about how to refine, improve flow and ensure our overview of this report is concise and clear to the reader. We want to keep the report interesting, but we do not want to overload. The SAC divided into three new workgroups to consider the draft compilation of information to date:

1. Research & Highlights
2. Body of Workgroup Research
3. Citations/Websites

Review and Discuss Small Group Recommendations: The SAC reconvened after lunch to discuss the workgroup's plans for continued work on the report.

Discuss Presentation Plan for the SAC Report to the Commission in April: Each workgroup lead will assist in presenting to the CSA during the Joint CSA/SAC meeting regarding their part of the report. The workgroups will continue working on their sections over the next two weeks to see if the report can be completed by the end of March. If the SAC needs more time, Commissioner Sheehan will ask for an extension.

Commissioner Sheehan adjourned the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

The Joint CSA and SAC Meeting will be held:

**Friday, April 21, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.,
Ramada Lansing Hotel and Conference Center**